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, YOU MAY ACCEPT REF A SUBJECT TO COMMENTS ON THE CON-
CLUSIONSC8NTAINED IN PARAS 2 THROUGH 5 BELOW. COMMENTS
ARE KEYED TO REF A.

2. PARA 9. WE WOULD PREFER THE DELETION THIS PARA

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SINCE THE APPROACHES DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 AND 8 WOULD INHIB-

IT NORMAL U.S. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. THE APPROACH DESCRIBED IN PARA 7 MIGHT ALSO, IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD INSIST THAT THE U.S. UTILIZE ONLY A PERCENTAGE OF ITS CURRENTLY USED TRAINING AREAS. HOWEVER WE CAN ACCEPT THE CURRENT PARA IF THE WORDS "EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARAS 10 AND 11 - LOW" ARE ADDED AT THE END OF THE SENTENCE.

3. PARA 11. TO EXCLUDE FROM LISTS OF DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS ALL AREAS OVER 100 SQ KMS IN SIZE WOULD BE TO SUBJECT TRAINING IN SUCH AREAS TO THE LIMITS ON NUMBER, DURATION AND SIZE OF EXERCISES, TO PREANNOUNCEMENT, AND TO THE PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THESE STABILIZING MEASURES FROM ADVERSELY AFFECTING U.S. TRAINING IN MAJOR TRAINING AREAS, A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS TO STABILIZING MEASURES WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED. THIS WAS THE APPROACH WE ATTEMPTED PRIOR TO REF B. HOWEVER, AS POINTED

OUT IN PARA 6, REF B, WE DECIDED THAT THIS APPROACH WAS TOO CUMBERSOME AND LED TO A NUMBER OF AMBIGUITIES. THEREFORE WE PROPOSED AND THE ALLIES AGREED TO CONFINE THE LIMITS ON TROOPS IN OR ENROUTE TO OR FROM MAJOR TRAINING AREAS TO A CEILING OF 50,000. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO RETURN TO THE EARLIER APPROACH. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE DELETE THE END OF THE SENTENCE IN PARA 11 STARTING WITH THE WORDS "BUT OTHERWISE" AND ADD THE FOLLOWING. "HOWEVER ALL TRAINING IN AREAS LARGER THAN 100 SQ. KMS. WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER, DURATION AND SIZE OF EXERCISES, WHICH WOULD HAVE A MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON U.S. TRAINING."

4. PARA 12. SINCE THE WG IS SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER ONLY MILITARY/TECHNICAL ISSUES, WE BELIEVE IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE PAPER TO MAKE THE JUDGMENT THAT THERE IS A "POLITICAL REQUIREMENT" FOR SOME TRAINING AREAS FOR USE BY U.S. FORCES TO BE OUTSIDE THE FRG. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST CHANGING THE PARA TO REFLECT ONLY THE FACT THAT WHILE THE APPROACHES IN PARAS 7 AND 8 COULD (NOT SHOULD) INCLUDE TRAINING AREAS OUTSIDE THE FRG, THE APPROACHES IN PARAS 5 AND 6 WOULD NOT DO SO. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHERS YOU MAY ACCEPT THE CURRENT PARA 2 BUT YOU SHOULD

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MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT AGREE THAT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE FORUM IN WHICH TO DISCUSS WHETHER THERE IS AN MBFR-RELATED POLITICAL REQUIREMENT THAT SOME DEFINED GROUND TRAINING AREAS FOR USE BY U.S. FORCES MUST BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FRG.

5. YOU SHOULD ADD A PARA 13 AS FOLLOWS: "13. THE PROPOSALS AT PARAGRAPHS 6, 7 AND 8 WOULD REQUIRE THE SOVIETS

TO CHANGE THEIR TRAINING PATTERNS. THE PROPOSAL AT PARAGRAPH 5 WOULD NOT."

6. REGARDING PARA 6 OF REF C, WE DO WISH TO DEFER DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM IN THE SPC. GUIDANCE IN PARA 2, REF D PERTAINS. INGERSOLL

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